

Taunton Nov 1st 1840

Esteemed friend

your letter of the 6th was received with both pleasure and pain, I rejoiced to hear you were doing so much in Boston, also that you had not forgotten me, but when I looked around and began to think of your kind invitation I knew not what to say, I did not suppose I could obtain any help ^{from} more than two or three individuals, and that by finding materials, all of whom I had engaged to find work as much as they could do, my health has been such since last May that I could not talk much, or bear any excitement, until within a few weeks past, and the people had next named about for a while, as soon as I was able I began to look after them found them almost all asleep, the ~~former~~ Society has become extinct they not having met since last fall; Mrs Woodward told me that she did not think she should do any thing this year she did not feel that interest in the cause that she used to, they were divided, she did not know what they did with the money, and among other things, she said Mr Emery had not said one word to her on the subject for more than a year, she being a member of his church, (so much for the zeal of new organization) still they can wait when it will ^{to sit} serve their purpose, have however it as their strength still I expect they are doing something privately for I understand that Miss Ball's ^{letter} have been circulated privately I think as soon as ^{they} find we are at work they will try to prevent it, I fear they will succeed in some measure, if

if we cannot wake up the people and get them interested,
we wrote to Mr. Collins & requested him to engage Abby Kelly
to come and stay two or three weeks in this place,
there never was a time when a Lecture was so much needed;
and it is the opinion of all the old friends that a woman
will do more than a man, on account of the political
excitement, which is truly melancholy at present;
we still when we see that the Kingdom of slavery has risen up
against itself, we have the promise that it will not stand,
on this account I have been greatly encouraged of late;

if Abby cannot come send us ~~the~~ some one to call the women
together and form a society. there are a number of Towns in the
same situation in this vicinity; the secret plottings of the clerical
party prove their origin, I have delayed writing till
now hoping to have some thing more favourable to write
I now think that we ~~shall~~ do something worth doing,
as to coming down to the Fair my circumstances will not
allow one to travel much, on account ^{of the} expence. I shall want
to come to the convention in Nov. but will do the best I can,

I have recieved one number of the offering, from you please except
my thanks, it was highly interesting it, has already obtained
several subscribers, but we are waiting for more;

my husband subscribed for it last summer in company
with some others, but we have never recieved it,
please send me one or two of each number and six of
an one half dozen of the Liberty Bell, and as many of the Convoy;
pack them in a bundle and pay the freight, so that they may
be brought me, and I will settle with you at the fair;
please write to me in the same bundle and let me know how

your husband does I heard he was sick, also what has
become of Mr Collins, he has never answered our letter,
we fear that he is not well, every thing that is
interesting in the cause concerns me as an individual;

please mention what you think you'll sell best, that we shall
be able to make; let the books ^{come} this week, as they will help me much
about talking

yours in the land of antislavery freedom

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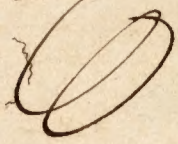


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